

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.	:	10/694,376	Confirmation No.	5779
Applicant	:	Allen J. Brenneman		
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Title	:	OPTICAL REAGENT FORMAT FOR SMALL SAMPLE VOLUMES		
TC/A.U.	:	1797		
Examiner	:	Neil N. Turk		
Docket No.	:	MSE-2650		

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT  
DATED JULY 10, 2008**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed on July 10, 2008. The time period to respond is one month from that date or August 10, 2008. This response is being submitted within that time period. Thus, this response is timely. The Applicants have removed the underlining in claims 28-30. No other changes have been made to the RCE & Amendment & Response to Final Office Action, filed on July 8, 2008. In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and the Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 7 of this paper.